

The Protestation wth the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, in y^e Commons
house of Parliament, made y^e 5th of May. 1642.

I. A. B. do in the presence of Almighty God promise, vow &
protest, to maintaine & defend so far as lawfully I may with my life,
power, & estate, y^e true reformed Protestant Religion, expressed in
y^e Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Popery & popish
Innovations within this Realme, contrary to y^e same Doctrine, and
according to y^e duty of my Allegiance, his Maiesties royall Person, ho
nonr & Estate, as also y^e power & priviledge of Parliament; The
lawfull rights & Liberties of y^e subiect, & every person y^e maketh
this protestation, in wth soever he shall do in y^e lawfull pursuance of
y^e same, And to my power, & as far as lawfully I may, I will oppose, &
by all good waies & meanes endeauour to bring to condigne punishm^t,
all such as shall either by force, practise, Counsells, Plotts, conspiracies,
or otherwise, do any thing to y^e contrary of any thing in this present
Protestation. contayned. And further, That I shall in all iust &
honourable waies endeauour to preserue y^e union & Peace between
y^e three Kingdomes of England, Scot. land, & Ireland, And
neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, shall relinquish this pro
mise, vow, & Protestation. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

This house doth declare, that by those words, the true reformed Protestant Religion, &c. is meant onely
the publike Doctrine professed in y^e said Church, so far as it is opposite to Popery, or Popish Innovations, &
not y^e maintaining of any forme of Worship, Discipline, or Government, nor any rites or Cerimonys of y^e Church.